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SUBJECT: STATISTICAL DATA ON DOD ELEMENTS UNDER AMBASSADORS

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1. APPROXIMATE TOTAL DOLLAR AMOUNT OF VENEZUELAN GOVERNMENT'S REIMBURSEMENT FOR U.S. MIL GROUP COSTS, BASED ON CALENDAR YEAR 1974, IS \$273,737. THIS FIGURE INCLUDES \$108,142 WHICH COVERS A RELATIVELY SMALL PORTION OF MIGP SALARIES; THE REMAINDER IS FOR TDY AND MEDICAL EXPENSES AND LOCAL EMPLOYEES' SALARIES. THE FIGURE DOES NOT INCLUDE FULL GOV REIMBURSEMENTS FOR: (A) MIL GROUP MEMBER AND DEPENDENT TRAVEL TO AND FROM VENEZUELA AND (B) OFFICE SPACE, INCLUDING COSTS FOR UTILITIES AND UPKEEP.

2. FIGURE FOR SALARIES BASED UPON RATE PREVAILING AT TIME OF 1948 AGREEMENTS, WHICH PROVIDED FOR REIMBURSEMENT OF SALARIES. FROM 1948 TO 1959, GOV PROVIDED SALARY REIMBRUSEMENT -- AND PAYMENT FOR CERTAIN OTHER COSTS, INCLUDING PER DIEM FOR IN-COUNTRY TRAVEL -- DIRECTLY TO INDIVIDUAL MIL GROUP MEMBERS. HOWEVER, SPECIFICALLY TO COMPLY WITH THE PROHIBITION IN THE MANSFIELD AMENDMENT AGAINST SUCH DIRECT SALARY PAYMENTS, THE EMBASSY AND THE FOREIGN MINISTRY AGREED, THROUGH AN EXCHANGE OF NOTES IN THE SPRING OF 1959, THAT THE GOV WOULD SUBMIT ITS CONTRIBUTION TOWARDS OFFSETTING U.S. MIL GROUP EXPENDITURES (INCLUDING SALARIES) DIRECTLY TO THE U.S. TREASURY, THROUGH CHECK PAYABLE TO THE U.S. EMBASSY, AND NO LONGER TO INDIVIDUAL MIL GROUP MEMBERS.

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3. EMBASSY IS POUCHING TO DEPARTMENT (ARA-LA/NC) COPIES OF THE
1959 EXCHANGE OF NOTES AND A PAPER CONTAINING A MORE DETAILED
BREAKDOWN OF GOV CONTRIBUTIONS TO MIL GROUP EXPENSES.
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